

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of May 7, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of the latch allowing refilling of ink and to specify that the first portion includes a cap for the printhead which is configured to cap the printhead during attachment of the first and second portions and to uncapping the printhead upon operation of a capping mechanism of the second portion. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, page 7, line 18-page 8, line 5 and page 11, line 15-page 12, line 8 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by newly cited Pawlowski, Jr. et al. (US 5,852,459) in view of any one or more of previously cited Reed, Waller and Silverbrook, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the capping face of the rotor element 60 of the print cartridge 6 which is biased to normally cap the printhead 52, including during insertion of the print cartridge into the cradle 4. This configuration ensures that the printhead nozzles are protected when the printhead is not printing (see page 7, line 18-page 8, line 5 and page 11, line 15-page 12, line 8 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Pawlowski merely discloses conventional print cartridges for insertion in reciprocating printer carriage (see abstract), which one of ordinary skill in the art understands are not capped during insertion in the carriage, and none of Reed, Waller and Silverbrook provide any disclosure which makes up for these deficiencies in Pawlowski.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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